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Najee/Jackson Concert

The Aug. 26 concert here at Walker Airfield will feature a pair of '80's music icons.

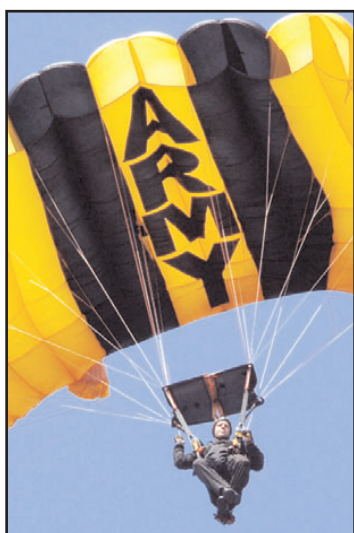
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Swim Under the Stars

The MWR Aquatics Program is hosting their final Swim Under the Stars celebration tomorrow from 9 p.m. to midnight at the outdoor pool next to the Bay Breeze Community Center. Admission is \$1 per person. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 788-3301.



File photo by Patrick Buffett

The 80th Annual Hampton Cup Regatta begins today. More than 100 piston-powered boats — ranging from the National Modified Class that's capable of speeds exceeding 150 mph to the Jersey Skiff that literally bounces across the water — are entered in this year's race. Spectators can view the action from Mercury Bridge, which is closed to traffic throughout the event, or from the banks of Fort Monroe along Mill Creek. Races will run almost continuously from noon to 5 p.m., today through Sunday. For more information about access control procedures and road closures, see Page 16.

Monroe hosts all-service ride to emphasize motorcycle safety

Fort Monroe will host an Interservice Motorcycle Safety Ride starting at 8 a.m., Sept. 8, in the parking lot near the bowling center — Building 201, Stilwell Road.

All Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard military and government civilian personnel who are registered motorcycle riders at any installation in the Hampton Roads area are invited and highly encouraged to participate.

The event will begin with an inspection of bikes, Motorcycle Safety Foundation Cards, and personal protective equipment. The safety ride will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m. Riders will cross the James River Bridge into Isle of Wight County. There will be a stop in Windsor for refreshments and training at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Riders will depart that location at 1

p.m. for the return trip to Monroe. The event will conclude at 3 p.m.

Officials from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and local police departments will assist in the training and the safety ride.

The purpose of the event is to "reemphasize the commitment by all service commanders throughout the Tidewater area to reduce motorcycle deaths," according to installation planners.

"A large percentage of motorcycle accidents are directly attributable to either indiscipline or simple noncompliance with established laws, standards and rules of the road."

Col. Jason T. Evans

FORT MONROE GARRISON COMMANDER

"Motorcycle accidents involving our military and civilian workers are causing far too many deaths, both on and off military installations," Col. Jason T. Evans, garrison commander, noted in an invitation letter to area commanders. "A large percentage of motorcycle accidents are directly attributable to either indiscipline or simple noncompliance with established laws, standards and rules of the road.

"I sincerely hope that you can support this safety initiative and will encourage participation by as many of your personnel as practicable," the letter concluded.

Free registration is required for all motorcyclists wishing to participate in the ride. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 6. The Safety Office point of contact is Velora Bland at 788-2646/2069, or blandv@monroe.army.mil.

A Women's Equality Day Observance is planned for Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in the post theater. For more information, see Page 2.

Parenting as a Verb

The most important job you will ever have

There is no job in the world as important as raising children. Unlike many other animals, human beings cannot survive during early childhood without parents. Our babies are so fragile that they need us not only for their physical survival, but also for their emotional and cognitive well-being. Children forced to raise themselves are not likely to become fully-functioning adults. Human-beings as a species need parents to provide the foundation for what it means to be human. The parental role is not only to provide children food, shelter and survival skills, but also to teach what is needed to thrive in this world. A key element of our parental responsibility is to love children unconditionally so they will know how to extend their love to others. A life without love is not liv-



By Lt. Col. Will Mosier
PROFESSOR OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO

ing at all ... it is merely surviving. Child-rearing has always been the most important activity of the human experience for both males and females. Since the days of the Industrial Revolution, studies of social anthropology suggest that the task of child-rearing has been assumed to be "women's work." In earlier times, the job of raising children was

equally shared between father and mother. Once it became more commonplace for males to work outside of the home, the task of tending to the children usually fell on the shoulders of the woman. Tragically, not thinking of themselves as an integral and intimate component of the child-rearing triangle has established a void in many men. Some attempt to find an alternative sense of purpose and fulfillment for their lives by watching sports on television, working extra hours to bring home extra money, or by having extra-marital affairs. It is male fear of inadequacy that can lead to the delusion that football, boarding school, prison, and even war are experiences that will "turn a boy into a man." The experience that makes a man a father is not insemination but rather parenting. In many soci-

eties, a man who has never changed a diaper; yet calls himself a father is not fully actualized. Since raising children is the most important job in society, no one should have a baby unless that person is willing to dedicate a significant amount of time to the task. People who create babies and then expect others to take care of them have a limited understanding of the profound responsibilities involved in raising emotionally healthy and socially competent children. How we treat our marriage partner will even have a direct impact on our children. It is unquestionable that we serve as role-models for how one person should treat another. Parenting doesn't require you to be perfect. But it does require you to be an integral part of your child's life. It requires you to be available emotionally as

well as physically for your child. It also requires you to be pleasant and accommodating so that you are a good example of social competence for your child. A very large chunk of parenting is about helping children to find a place in this social milieu we call society. What your child needs most, from you, is YOU! Assuming you are a good role-model, the most important gift you can give your child is your time. There is no truth more profound than the fact that, for better or for worse, your child will be a product of your parenting skills. (Lt. Col. Mosier is a reserve augmentee at JTF-CS. In his civilian career, he is Director of Research at the Center for the Study of Child Development, Professor of Child Development and Clinical Instructor of Developmental Pediatrics at Wright State University, Dayton, OH.)

Women's Equality Day

Post observance features Virginia Delegate Ward

Del. Jeion A. Ward, a member of the Virginia General Assembly representing the 92nd District of the House of Delegates and an advocate of citizens participating in the voting process, will be the headline speaker at the Women's Equality Day observance here Aug. 25 at the post theater. Free and open to the public, the one-hour program begins at 10 a.m. Ward, D-Hampton, will speak on "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote," the national theme for the commemoration. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women in the United States the right to vote. Ward often recites a simple message for all citizens in regards to



Del. Jeion A. Ward

the election process ... "Your vote does make a difference." A lifelong resident of the Hampton Roads area, Ward serves in the House of Delegates on the educa-

tion, transportation and general laws committees. After marrying her high school sweetheart, James, the Warwick High School (Newport News) graduate first became involved with community service when her children reached school age. Raising three sons and supporting their development through elementary, middle and high school, she participated in the public school process as a PTA board member, room mother, band booster and athletics team mom. Ward's interests in public education led to her joining the Hampton Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 4260, where she began working to improve the professional opportunities for teacher assistants. This resulted in her becoming a teacher assistant herself. While working full-time, Ward completed her first two years of col-

lege study at Thomas Nelson Community College and then transferred to Christopher Newport University, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in English and Certification in Middle Education Grades 5-8. She continues her membership in AFT Local 4260 today and currently serves as President of the Hampton Federation of Teachers. Committed to citizens participating in the voting process, Ward has coordinated both partisan and non-partisan "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaigns in targeted areas of Hampton and Newport News since 1997. Additionally, she has organized voter registration drives and restoration of rights campaigns. The Fort Monroe observance will include a sign language interpreter. For more information, call 788-2979.

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Police beef up sex offender registry

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The Virginia State Police recently expanded its Web-accessible sex offender registry to include the names and addresses of those who have been convicted of non-violent sex crimes. Prior to July 1, the nine-year-old listing only displayed names, pictures and addresses of violent criminals.

About 13,000 people are now registered in the database, according to Anita Dolan, supervisor for the registry. Of these, 10,000 were convicted of violent sex crimes. The overall listing includes 243 addresses in the City of Hampton – several are within walking distance of Fort Monroe.

“Crime is about opportunity,” said Sgt. Keith Kaufman, a member of the VSP’s Sex Offender Unit. “If you leave your purse in a car in a high-crime area, there is a good likelihood the car will be broken into. If you take precautions to eliminate the opportunity, then you can eliminate the chances for a person to commit the crime.”

The sex offender registry is not meant to be punitive, Kaufman said. It is to be informative.

“I’m providing (the public) with a wealth of information ... what they do with it to maintain their safety is up to them, as long as it’s within (the law).”

Kaufman said the information on the Web site should not be used to harass people who have been convicted of a crime. That’s against the law, and it could result in reluctance among offenders to register with law enforcement officials.

The state police consider the sex offender registry as “high priority,” Kaufman said, even though the overall number of registrants represent a small percentage of the total population of the Commonwealth – about 13,000 out of 7,293,542. The database gives state and local police departments an advantage, especially with crimes that involve repeat offenders.

“I had a case in which I actually re-arrested a man because I knew where he lived in the city of Chesapeake,” the police sergeant said. “There’s going to be recidivism, but you can say the same thing about breaking and entering or other crimes.”

Kaufman said the sex offender database is updated continuously to indicate the most current addresses and photos, when available. Names of new offenders are also added regularly. Removing names from the registry is rare.

The state police Web site is located at www.vsp.state.va.us. From the homepage, select the “Sex Offender Registry” link. When the next

page pops up, click on the “Search the Public Notification Database.” From there, visitors can browse the information by zip code, city, county or name.

There is a newly added map option that displays registered offenders in a particular area. To use this option, the Web-site viewer inputs a full address and selects “Show Map.”

The graphic that pops up will depict inverted, teardrop-shaped balloons. A green balloon represents the address that was entered into the system, and red ones represent the sex offenders in proximity to that address. When a red balloon is clicked, the name, address and list of offenses committed by the assailant are shown.

If the other categories are selected, a picture and name of each offender is displayed. By clicking the name link or picture, the person’s

description, aliases and list of crimes can be seen.

Violent offenders are required to register with the Virginia State Police every 90 days for life, and non-violent offenders must re-register once a year for 10 years. After 10 years, they may petition the circuit court in their jurisdiction to have their case reviewed.

“People have the misconception that everybody on the sex offender registry is a pedophile, but that is not the case,” Kaufman emphasized.

“There are pedophiles, of course, and they are on there. However, you also have (the 18-year-old who) got caught having sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend and mom and dad didn’t like it, so they had him arrested. When you look at the age of the person when the crime was committed, it can sometimes put things into perspective.”

Troops can report assault through ACS service

Do you know what to do if you’re in the military and you become a victim of a sexual crime?

Fort Monroe Army Community Services sponsors a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program for all active duty personnel that offers both restricted and unrestricted reporting of a sex crime.

Restricted reporting safeguards the identity of the victim while allowing him or her to disclose the details of the assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering an investigation. The victim may report the incident to the installation sexual assault response coordinator, Richey Cooper, the installation victim advocate, Eva Granville, a unit victim advocate, a healthcare provider or a chaplain.

A highly trained SAPR program advocate will accompany the victim through the process of a sexual assault exam. Any forensic evidence, like clothing, will be maintained for one year in a separate security area with the Provost Marshal. The victim and perpetrator go unnamed, Cooper emphasized.

Only demographic information – i.e. race, age and location – is passed on to the senior mission level during a restricted report so the commander can, at a minimum, increase security in a general area where the assault occurred.

Security experts agree that mandating complete reporting may be a barrier to victims gaining access to medical treatment and coun-

seling. Restricted reporting protects the privacy of the individual while undergoing treatment, which may have a positive impact on their decision to come forward to provide information about the assault.

If the victim grants permission for an unrestricted report, it is dealt with much like any other sexual assault. Unrestricted reporting includes the same first responders as restricted, with the addition of military police and criminal investigators.

The program also establishes a Sexual Assault Review Board, chaired by the garrison commander and including a chaplain, staff judge advocate, clinical members, the Provost Marshal and other support staff.

“At the SARB, our job is to talk about the installation’s prevention program, responses to incidents occurring on the installation, and to develop best practices for accountability and victim access to quality services,” Cooper said.

“And, the company commander or I will keep the victim informed about the status of an unrestricted case. The same is true for a restricted report ... we’re there to answer any questions and assist with any concern. In either case, the victim is the focus.”

Cooper emphasized that her team is ready to offer assistance 24/7, and she provided the following contact information:

Richey Cooper, SARC – 788-3878.
Eva Granville, Victim Advocate – weekdays: 788-3878, after hours: 387-0266.
Unit Victim Advocate – 387-0267.

JTF-CS exercise focuses on nation’s ‘worst nightmares’

BY STAFF SGT. ANDY STEPHENS
JTF-CS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The scenario may sound like one of your darkest nightmares ... a madman driven by anti-American zealotry has shattered the peace of a major U.S. city. His weapon of choice is an aerosolized form of Y. Pestis bacteria, better known in medieval times as plague, and he has let it loose on America.

Welcome to Sudden Response 2006.

At Fort Monroe, Joint Task Force Civil Support is writing – and rewriting – the way the U.S. military responds to such dire circumstances. Through the Joint Planning Group, procedures and lines of communication are plotted and

established to save lives if America’s darkest scenarios ever become reality.

Exercises like Sudden Response allow the DOD to determine how military elements function in civil emergencies, what resources can be used, what the distractions are and what must be avoided.

“The JPG’s mission is to rapidly assess and conduct planning for potential support to civil authorities in the event DOD assets are requested or directed by the Secretary of Defense,” said Maj. Jose Berrios, CBRNE planner for JTF-CS’ Command Assessment Element.

The “CBRNE” acronym captures the mission of JTF-CS in the

proverbial nutshell; it stands for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and (high-yield) Explosive.

One or more of those serious hazards are typically embedded in the scenarios that drive an exercise like Sudden Response. Exercise participants gather data and use it to refine methods to answer CBRNE situations that might occur in the real world. These methods allow for the most efficient use of DOD resources in such scenarios.

Scenarios of such scope and magnitude require extensive planning, which is the primary focus of the JPG. The JPG acts as a “brain trust” for U.S. Northern Command’s disaster response cell — a crucible where potential threats are

boiled down to their natural conclusion, the situation is stabilized and a foundation can be laid for the agency to begin recovery.

To get from Point A to Point B, disaster response planners examine the “rules of the game,” limitations and challenges that define the threat, the appropriate level of response, and the DOD resources needed to answer the call.

“You don’t send 10 fire trucks if you don’t have a fire,” said Berrios. “Every incident is a local incident. [JTF-CS is] just there to bring additional support based on the requests of civil authorities.”

A lead federal agency, usually FEMA or the Department of **See SUDDEN RESPONSE, Page 6**

Monroe concert revisits ‘clean’ music

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Jazz performer Najee, and R&B crooner Freddie Jackson are a reminder of simpler times in the music industry.

Neither has succumbed to the mixed up world of modern hip-hop where success is too often measured by one’s ability to rail against society’s woes and cram as many vulgarities as possible into a five-minute set.

Their music is clean ... the sort of vocals and instrumental numbers that dance on the air and are reminiscent of the roots of soul and “smooth jazz.” They perform from the heart and make you glad you came along for the ride.

In nine days, the Hampton Roads community will have the opportunity to witness these music icons of the ‘80s during a special performance at Fort Monroe’s Walker Airfield. Tickets are now on sale. Gates open at 5 p.m.

The live entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. with Gator Allmond and the Spice of Life Band. Najee’s performance is scheduled to begin at approximately 7 p.m., followed by Jackson.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5 to 15, and free for children 4 and younger.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster — 671-8100 or www.ticketmaster.com — or at the Fort Monroe, Fort Eustis, Little Creek and Oceana ITT offices, the Fort Monroe Fitness Center or the MWR Special Events Office in Building 82.

As a native New Yorker, Najee began his career playing the clarinet and later the saxophone and flute in his hometown Jamaica, Queens New York. While in high



Photo courtesy of freddiejackson.net

Freddie Jackson

school Najee began studying under the direction of Jimmy Heath, Frank Foster, and Billy Taylor at Jazzmobile in Harlem. Najee also studied flute with Harold Jones at the Manhattan School of Music.

In 1980, Najee, along with his brother Fareed, attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with a concentrated study in performance and composition. When they moved back to New York they were asked to tour with R&B songstress Chaka Khan.

During the tour, Najee met Charles Huggins of HUSH Productions who later helped him record his debut album, released in 1986.

The album, titled “Najee’s Theme,” went platinum and was nominated for a Grammy award. His sophomore album “Day By Day” also went platinum in 1988. Those projects were followed by “Tokyo Blue” (1990), and “Just An Illusion” (1992). Both releases went gold.

In 1998, Najee again teamed up with his brother, who was also the producer of his last seven albums, to release “Morning Tenderness.”

The critically acclaimed album climbed to number one on the jazz charts the same year.

Najee is also the recipient of many other performance honors including the Soul Train Music Award for Best Jazz Artist in 1991 and 1993.

To urban contemporary listeners, Freddie Jackson was one of the biggest stars of the latter half of the ‘80s, dominating the R&B charts seemingly at will.

Jackson’s forte was sophisticated, romantic soul ballads aimed at adult audiences, but he was also capable of tackling urban contemporary dance fare and even the occasional jazz tune.

In 1985, Jackson landed a record deal with Capitol and issued his debut album “Rock Me Tonight.” The Paul Laurence-penned title track stormed the R&B charts, spending a whopping six weeks at number one.

“You Are My Lady” gave him a second straight R&B chart-topper, and also proved to be his highest-charting single on the pop side,

peaking at number 13. With “He’ll Never Love You (Like I Do)” and “Love Is Just a Touch Away” also hitting the R&B Top Ten, Rock Me Tonight topped the R&B album charts and went platinum.

Jackson split with Capitol in 1993 and went on to work with labels RCA and Orpheus. He continues to release records from time to time, most recently issuing an album’s worth of soulful covers with 2005’s Personal Reflections.

The upcoming concert is sponsored by Headquarters Fort Monroe, 95.7 R&B FM, The Daily Press, UPN Channel 27, Coca-Cola, Budweiser Select, Bacardi Raz, Widmer Brothers and the Fort Monroe Credit Union.

Visitors are reminded that access to the post requires a picture ID for anyone 18 years and older. No coolers, backpacks, food or beverages may be brought into the concert area. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Stilwell Gate will open at 5 p.m. to accommodate concert traffic. McNair Gate can also be used by non-DoD visitors. The Ingalls Road entrance is restricted to vehicles with a DoD sticker.

If you’re a resident of Fort Monroe and plan to have a non-DoD visitor to your quarters on Aug. 26, please encourage them to arrive prior to 5 p.m., or arrange to meet them somewhere along the controlled access routes if they arrive after 5 p.m. Employees and residents should also note that the East Gate entrance to the Casemate will close at 5 p.m.

In case of severe weather, the concert will be cancelled.

For more information, call the MWR special events hotline at 788-2850.

MUTS finale includes Golden Knights, Fife & Drums

The Golden Knights of the U.S. Army Parachute Team will kick off the final performance of the 2006 Music Under the Stars concert series starting at 7 p.m., Aug. 31 at Fort Monroe’s Continental Park.

Titled the “1812 Spectacular,” the event will also include a guest appearance by the Williamsburg Fife & Drum Corps. The concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

“This is an event we’ve been looking forward to all summer,” noted Capt. Tod Addison, commander of The U.S. Army TRADOC Band. “Imagine an evening that starts out with the most professional skydivers in the world soaring into Fort Monroe; then add the patriotic sights, sounds and spirit of the fife & drum corps, and you’ve got a concert that’s unrivaled in the Hampton Roads area.”

On top of all that is the much anticipated concert finale, Addison said. The TRADOC Concert Band will perform its rendition of Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture,” accented by closely synchronized cannon fire (105mm Howitzers) from the Headquarters Company Salute Battery. That event will also feature guest narrator Dr. Raymond Jones from Hampton Roads WHRO Public Radio.

“(The Overture) is the crowning moment of our season,” Addison said. “Hundreds of fans have come here in year’s past for that part of the show alone. With the addition of the Golden Knights and the Fife & Drums, this simply isn’t an event that you can miss.”

Other music selections during the evening will include a virtuoso solo on xylophone by Staff Sgt. Mike Hooke from The U.S. Army Band, Washington, D.C. The audience will also experience a MUTS first as the band performs “Victory Starts Here,” an original piece written for TRADOC by bandmembers Master Sgt. Mark Hayward and Sgt. Charles Harper. The “Spirit of Victory” march will also be performed. It was composed by Dwayne Milburn and commissioned by retired Sgt. Maj. Carl Baughman.

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Addison said the band, and the Fort Monroe community, is “deeply honored” to welcome not only the guest performers, but also the many fans who have made the MUTS concerts extra special throughout the years. He also offered his thanks to U.S. Army Accessions Command for arranging the appearance by the Golden Knights.

“We’ve had another great season, and that has everything to do with the support we’ve received from the community,” the captain said. “And I want to express the band’s gratitude to the Fort Monroe security personnel and the entire garrison staff for making this a picturesque, clean and safe place to put on a concert event.”

MUTS guests are reminded that access to Fort Monroe requires a valid state- or government-issued picture ID for anyone 18 years of age or older. Visitors are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. There is no restriction on coolers or backpacks, however, fans are encouraged to visit the food and souvenir stands that benefit morale and welfare organizations on the installation.

In the event of rain, the concert will be postponed until the following evening at the same time and location.

Fort Monroe youth program gets free movies

BY E. DAVID VIDA
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

The gift of free movies for the rest of summer vacation was recently awarded to the Child and Youth Service summer camp program here.

Throughout August, any youth currently enrolled in the Fort Monroe Guppies, Dolphins or Camp Extreme programs is being treated to free movie showings at Kiln Creek Cinema Stadium 20. The 2006 Free Family Film Festival Grant is sponsored by the Regal Entertainment Group and the Boys

and Girls Club of America.

“This is a perfect finish for another tremendous CYS summer camp season,” said Beth Sigler, director of youth services. “If you ask the kids what they like to do most, they usually say they like to go to the mall and see movies.

“I thank the Boys and Girls Club for selecting Fort Monroe as a recipient of this grant and Regal Cinema for having us,” Sigler said. “Without these sponsors, it would require a large sum of money to cover the expense of taking more than 90 kids to the movies every week.”

Each camp director will schedule excursions to the theatre once a week, Sigler said. All of the trips will occur in the morning as the Kiln Creek Cinema has arranged a special 9:30 a.m. opening time specifically for grant recipients. All movies begin at 10 a.m.

According to the Family Film Festival sponsors, only movies with a Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) rating of G and GP will be shown during the program. Some of the movie titles include “Chicken Run,” “Madagascar,” “Doogal,” and “Fat Albert.”

The free movie showings expand the robust summer camp program that already includes group activities, arts and crafts, field trips to area tourist attractions and theme parks, and sporting events.

For more information about the post summer camps, to include sign-up requirements, contact CYS Central Registration at 788-2698.

Hire-A-Teen

Do you have chores around your house or odd jobs that a teen could do? Fort Monroe Youth Services sponsors a Hire-A-Teen program. Call 788-2427.

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Homeland Security, will initially respond to any civil incident or disaster that happens in the United States, its territories and possessions, Berrios said.

Data on the incident is shared with the JPG here to determine what, if any, response DOD needs to muster to support that agency. The JPG’s assessment is then relayed up the chain to the JTF-CS commander, U.S. Northern Command, and eventually the Secretary of Defense himself, Berrios added.

The factors that determine the DOD response can range from the initiating agency’s ability to respond and setup resources themselves, to what extent infrastructure has been rendered inoperable. But the JTF-CS role remains the same whether a team of experts or 10,000 servicemen are mustered.

“Whatever we send forward is what state and local agencies will use,” said Berrios. “They drive the train on what we send downrange.”

Berrios added the basic challenge JTF-CS faces in these exercises is understanding the CBRNE effects and that the potential support requirements can change based on evolving situational awareness and local capabilities inherent with the incident itself.

To illustrate the point using the exercise scenario, the number of people infected with plague exceed-

ed the number of hospital beds in the affected city. A further complication was the “worried well” element. These are the numbers of healthy people in the city who are afraid they may be infected and flood the city’s medical infrastructure with false alarms, even going to hospitals to seek treatment and unintentionally brushing up against people who are really contaminated.

“The ‘worried well’ are a byproduct of situations we train for,” said Paul Marcinko, deputy surgeon for JTF-CS. “We have to find the point where local resources would be overwhelmed and what their capabilities are. We are building reality into these exercises and updating the playbooks for the Command Assessment Element.”

Marcinko explained that the playbooks are quite literally the focus for exercises like Sudden Response 2006. It’s the role of each representative in their functional area in the JPG to update the playbook with all the outcomes that could spin-off from the scenario as to how it would affect their counterparts in the field. The “worried well” is just one issue, but there are dozens more, each explored to its logical limit. The playbook explains how each potential aspect was explored and becomes a source for any DOD civil disaster relief assis-

tance effort.

The playbook also evolves to create better response efficiencies. This year’s Sudden Response drill, for example, was the first where JTF-CS has a biological warfare/chemical warfare cache on site. The medical setup used to be sent from nearby Langley AFB to Fort Monroe, but in the real world, the CAE works in timelines of minutes so the cache’s resources are needed immediately upon notification of an incident. Marcinko said the cache being on-site at Fort Monroe increases efficiency immensely.

“We need to establish casualty estimates now,” said Marcinko. “If you don’t estimate casualties properly, you can’t estimate accurately

the resources needed to take care of them.”

If the JPG playbook spells out the secrets of winning the big game, then Sudden Response 2006 must be the Super Bowl. JTF-CS is the home team, with a nervous nation watching as they do what they do best.

“We work very diligently in all of this preparation and planning,” said Berrios, “so that, in the event a CBRNE event happens, we’ve thought through all the potential issues and problems so we can best assist and support the local authorities. We’re not in charge of the problem; we’re in charge of the forces that go in there to help civil authorities solve the problem.”

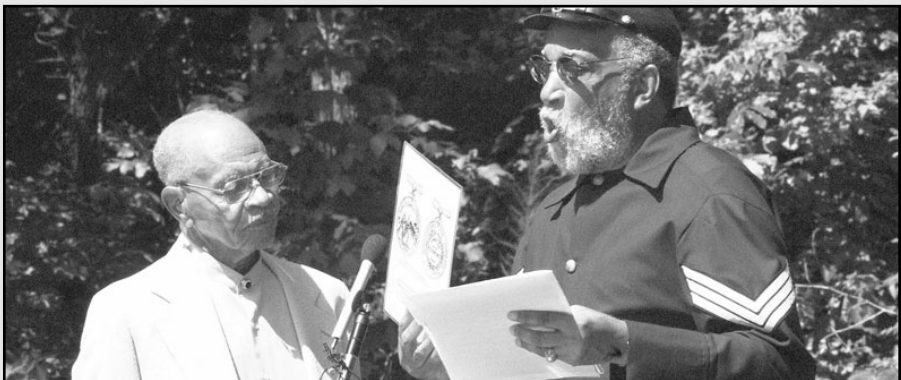


Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Dr. Curtis Alexander, right, discusses the medals earned by U.S. Colored Troop Medal of Honor recipient Edward Ratcliff during the Civil War. The Soldier’s grandson – Edward Radcliffe – looks on during the tribute at the Yorktown weapons station on Aug. 5.

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Information booths for Fort Monroe’s Voter Registration Month are set up each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the PX, fitness center, post library and CAC.

Parenthood Conferences

The USO of Hampton Roads and Fort Monroe Army Community Services are teaming up as hosts of the 2006 Joint Military Fatherhood and Motherhood Conferences to be held at the Bay Breeze Community Center. The fathers will meet on Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The mothers conference is set for Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the program and registration requirements, visit www.usohr.com or contact Kathleen Miller at 788-3878 or kathleen.a.miller@us.army.mil.

School Physicals

Virginia law requires a physical examination for any youth being enrolled for the first time in

child care, pre-kindergarten or grades K-5. The date of the exam must be within 12 months of enrollment.

School physicals include immunizations and lab work. When coming in for an appointment, parents should bring the child’s medical and shot records, and a school/sports physical form that can be downloaded from www.narmc.amedd.army.mil/mcdonald.

Appointments are available on Aug. 18 an 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. on post for Craven Army Health Clinic TRICARE Prime enrollees. Call 1-866-645-4584 to schedule a time.

Student’s entering 6th grade are required to have a tetanus booster if a minimum of five years have passed since the last dose was administered. A new school physical is not required to obtain the booster. The tetanus booster shots are

given at the Immunization Clinic here on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Interviewees sought

The local joint-service publication – Soundings – is seeking interview subjects for a special report on the five-year anniversary of 9/11.

Any military or government civilian employee who has a compelling story about that day is encouraged to contact Wayne Kanoy at 788-3207 so he can set up the interview. The deadline is close of business Monday.

Soundings is published by Military Newspapers of Virginia. The special 9/11 anniversary edition will hit newsstands on Sept. 6. Copies are available at area supermarkets.

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Teens wrap up summer work program

BY E. DAVID VIDA
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A dozen teen volunteers have spent the past couple of months learning valuable lessons about the working world while helping various Fort Monroe organizations conduct day-to-day business.

The volunteer work program is sponsored by the Red Cross. It is designed to give youths a leg up in the working world and help them meet the volunteer service requirements that colleges are looking for upon enrollment, according to program coordinator Ella Skeeter-Webster.

The teens were placed in various offices and facilities on post to include the fitness center and the Bay Breeze Community Center, and they performed mostly entry-level services like answering phones, collating papers and helping out at customer service counters.

Along with lightening the workload for others, the teens absorbed valuable lessons that should serve them well in their 9-to-5 futures, Skeeter-Webster noted.

“We’re able to teach them the right way to conduct themselves in a professional environment and, at the same time, they help us out by supplementing our workforce and performing some of our routine requirements,” she said.

Along with their scheduled four-hour work days, the teens participated in regular meetings that focused on topics like maintaining time sheets, proper work and office attire, and the importance of having a good work ethic. The kids assembled binders with this information for easy reference.

“We had to establish a baseline of expectations,” Skeeter-Webster said of these meetings.



Photo by Ellas Skeeter-Webster

Vivian David, Director of the Hampton University Career Center, conducts dining etiquette training here on Aug. 3.

“We’re hoping that the kids will maintain these skills and carry them into their academic and career life.”

One of the many highlights of the program was a luncheon sponsored by Hampton University that taught the teens proper dining etiquette. The tactic makes perfect sense, Skeeter-Webster noted, if you consider today’s high-powered business world where working lunches and corporate dinners are common. Little things like knowing which fork is proper for the salad does make a difference.

The teens who signed up for the Red Cross program was first asked what their interests are and what sort of job would appeal to them.

“I try to put the teens in a place (that fits their interests and personality). Some prefer the hands-on work that’s common at the fitness center and Bay Breeze, while others enjoy working in offices,” Skeeter-Webster said.

Charlene Bane, 15, from Denbigh High School

worked with Skeeter-Webster in the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office at Post Headquarters.

“I learned my way around the office and how to use some of the equipment, like the fax machine,” she said.

Bane also learned quite a bit about proper military protocol, which will benefit her right away as she continues her studies with the Army Junior ROTC program at her school.

Another teen volunteer, Anthony Barnes, 16, who is about to enter his sophomore year at Warwick High School, spent the summer working at the fitness center.

As he busily wiped down the workout machines earlier this week, he said he has learned a few valuable lessons since June.

“We learned how to conduct ourselves professionally and present ourselves during a job interview,” Barnes said.

While his ultimate career plans remain undefined at this moment, Barnes said he is considering military service in the Marine Corps or attending classes in music management. “Either one would make me happy,” he said.

The teen’s are currently wrapping up their volunteer work assignments as the start of the 2006-’07 school year is just days away. Some may volunteer again next year, but they all have gained valuable career skills, and a sharp work ethic, that should serve them well as they shape their futures.

“I think that this is a good learning experience for the teens and that the offices they worked in were very satisfied and impressed with the ability of these volunteers,” Skeeter-Webster said.

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Student Spotlight

Summer journey launches astronaut ambitions

BY PATRICK BUFFETT
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A recent journey to Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., has ignited a Fort Monroe teen's dream of becoming a NASA astronaut.

Frank Miller, 14, participated in the six-day camp during the first week of August. He was one of 15 youths from military families stationed around the world who earned a full scholarship through a non-profit group called the Military Child Education Coalition.

The MCEC's Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship honors an 11-year-old Navy dependent who was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 when it was flown into the Pentagon during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. To compete for the scholarship, applicants must "demonstrate patriotism and community service" and clearly articulate their future goals through a written essay and two or more nomination letters. Participation is limited to military youths enrolled in 6th through 9th grades.

Frank said his fascination with computers, combined with his advanced placement courses in science and math, probably helped him stand out among the 272 scholarship applicants this year. He also established a flag corps at his last school after noticing the poor condition of the national colors being flown. On top of that, Frank is working his way toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

"They told me I won in May, and I was very excited," said the soon-to-be 9th grader at Kecoughtan High School, Hampton. "I guess I would describe myself as adventurous and a bit of a thrill seeker. I'm also fascinated by all things electronic, so this was really a perfect opportunity for me."

During his flight to Huntsville, Frank said he got his first taste of what it meant to be selected for the space camp scholarship. The passenger sitting next to him on the plane was also a scholarship winner from the Kansas City area. "We started talking, and I realized that kids like me were coming in from all over the world. We had been chosen to represent our communities and the military. That's a great feeling."

Space camp itself is like "no other experience you could ever imagine," Frank said. During their stay, the youths lived in cozy seven-person "pods" that offered all the creature comforts despite their space-saving design. Day-to-day camp activities included training simulators, scientific experiments, classroom instruction on the history of the space program, building and launching rockets, and participation in simulated space shuttle missions.

"Their simulators were about as close to the real thing as you can get," Frank said. "I remem-



Photo by Al Whitaker

Fort Monroe family member Frank Miller tries out the "zero-G chair" at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

ber the one where we got to fly an F-16. You were actually in a mock cockpit and I'm guessing the instrument panel was pretty much the same as the actual plane. That was a big challenge because you have so much to think about while you're in flight."

The youths were also strapped into a variety of simulators that spun, tilted and soared into the air to create the sensations an astronaut might feel during a mission. Through the "multi-axis trainer" – a gizmo that looks like a multi-ringed gyroscope – the students discovered what it might feel like if a space craft was spinning out of control. The space camp's "Space Shot" ride created the sensation of positive and negative G-forces that an astronaut experiences during lift-off.

"They also put us in a zero-G chair to create the feeling of near-weightlessness," Frank said, as he straightened his back while pulling his elbows into his side and holding his arms straight out in front of him to demonstrate the position created by the equipment's harness. "The best way to describe it is that feeling you get when you reach the top of a climb on a roller coaster — that moment when it lifts you out of the seat and you feel like you're floating. That's the sensation you get the entire time in that simulator."

As for the classes at space camp, Frank said

he learned the importance of good math and science skills very quickly. Teamwork and open communication are also paramount.

"One of the things that really surprised me is the number of jobs aboard a space shuttle mission," he said. "You have the commander who pretty much tells everyone on the orbitor what to do, the pilot, and mission specialists who monitor everything from electrical systems and on-board fuel to payloads and environmental conditions. It's a lot more than what I thought at first."

Through films and various other media, the camp participants were also introduced to the pioneers of the space program and those first journeys into the cosmos. Frank said he quickly tuned in to the spirit of adventure and discovery, and he now aspires to become an astronaut himself someday.

"I may even make history by being aboard the first manned-shuttle mission to Mars," he said with a proud smile. "Maybe that's just wishful thinking, but that's really what the space program is all about, right?"

Speaking on behalf of the Military Child Education Coalition, Fort Monroe resident Pam Metz said she is proud of the space camp scholarship program and its overall goal of encouraging "left-brained thinkers" like Frank to continue excelling in school. She also said she attended a recent MCEC function in Houston where enough money was raised to, hopefully, offer even more camp scholarships in 2007.

"The space camp scholarship is one of many programs offered by the MCEC," said Metz, who serves as an "ambassador" for the organization's Tell Me a Story Literacy Program. It encourages parents and teachers to use books to help military children cope with everyday realities like deployment, separation, PCS moves and even death.

"The overall goal of the coalition is to address the transition and other educational needs of children in military-connected families," read a data sheet provided by Metz. "Children of active-duty military personnel often face frequent moves or separation from family members. On average, these children transition from six to nine times between kindergarten and high school graduation.

Parent absences raise additional concerns, according to the MCEC document. "Through the establishment of partnerships and networks between schools and military installations, MCEC is building support systems for students and parents and transition processes for the children they serve."

For more information about the MCEC, visit www.MilitaryChild.org.

Casemate welcomes student spotlight stories

The many contributions of school-age youth in our community is the focus of a special column the Casemate hopes to continue in the coming academic year.

Titled, "Student Spotlight," the column will highlight top achievers in the areas of academics, sports and community service.

Unique student awards, out of the ordinary, extracurricular activities, and voluntary participation

in community programs that focus on history, conservation, neighborhood improvement, caring for the elderly, etc., are just some of the endeavors worthy of this special recognition.

The success of this column greatly depends upon story recommendations by parents or other community members.

If you know of a student who truly performs "above and beyond"

his or her peers, give the newspaper staff a call or send them an e-mail with the subject's name, a brief explanation of the achievement and contact information for the nominee's parents or a guardian.

The Casemate editor will determine the level of coverage based on the significance of the accomplishment. All interviews and photo shoots will be coordinated with a

parent or guardian, as well as final clearance of any stories that are written.

Contributed stories/pictures are also welcome. Photos must be of high quality (in focus, well-lit, high resolution) and action shots are preferred over posed photos.

For further information or to nominate a subject, call 788-3520/3531 or e-mail: casemate@monroe.army.mil.



KIDS' DAY

More than 2,000 participants turned out for Fort Monroe's annual celebration

Photo left: "Daisy the Clown" — a.k.a. Valerie Tutson — entertains youngsters from Fort Monroe and the surrounding military communities during the Aug. 5 Kid's Day celebration on the parade field inside the moat. Daisy has participated in Kids' Day and other major post events for about six years. Photo above: Maurice Washington, 11, exits an inflatable giant bug during Kid's Day. Along with other inflatable "rides," the celebration included an opening parade, costumed characters, games and prizes, live entertainment, and parent information booths manned by the military police and other family service organizations.

Photos by Michael Tatum



Youths from the Hobsen Karate Studio demonstrate several moves on the parade grounds inside the moat on Aug. 5.



Tara Tutson sings "I Believe" during the Kids' Day celebration.

Fort festivities focus on family fun

Kids' Day at Fort Monroe is an 11-year-old tradition that seems to get better each year.

It started when Monroe's Army Community Service and the Post Chaplain's Office decided to have a day devoted to kids and their parents — just to have fun.

Over 2,400 children and their parents enjoyed the free entertainment, games, parenting information, and the picnic-style lunch this year.

Creating a secure, carnival-like atmosphere is "an ambitious undertaking." The event location inside the moat is just one key to success.

Another challenge each year is to provide activities that are safe and age appropriate; allowing kids of all ages and abilities to win prizes. It

should also be stress-free for parents ... just a day to enjoy with their children.

When it all comes together, as it did on Aug. 5, we are reminded that without a significant amount of support, this event could never happen.

We appreciate the work of the 210 military and civilian volunteers, members of various post activities and sponsors for bringing it all together once again. Volunteers set up and took down tents, equipment and inflatable games. They cook, work in booths and help kids enjoy themselves. Sponsors provide food, drinks and entertainment, enabling this event to be free to our military families. Thank you.

Eva Granville, Kids' Day Coordinator



Jake Huffman heads for the finish line during the Kids' Day sack race.

Got any sports results?
Need to advertise an upcoming event?

Give us a call at 788-3208 or e-mail casemate@monroe.army.mil.

Post worker aims at national dart title

BY E. DAVID VIDA
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A Fort Monroe employee was among the competitors at the 15th Annual American Dart Association National Championship earlier this month in Las Vegas.

Lisa Richardson, an assistant special security officer for DCSINT, helped her team “Girl Power” bring home a third place victory and Richardson herself now ranks 45th out of 50 top players in the nation competing with soft-tip darts.

Not bad for someone who just started playing darts as a substitute player for a friend who needed a partner. In fact, you can say it wasn’t even her game of choice at the time she aimed her first set of darts.

“I started playing about three years ago,” Richardson said. “I was shooting game of pool when a friend of mine needed a dart partner. That’s how got I started playing.”

Now Richardson is ranked in the top 50 in the United States and has competed in nationally sanctioned dart events. The secret to her success is her weekly practices.

“I play about three or four times a week, or maybe more,” she said. “There are also weekly tournaments at the Hat Trix in Phoebus.”

Practicing weekly helps her game a lot, she noted. It has helped her build confidence and



Photo by E. David Vida

Lisa Richardson holds the 3rd-place plaque she won in Las Vegas, Nev. at the 15th American Darters Association National Championship held from Aug. 2 to 6.

make a steady climb up the rankings in the few years that she has played the game.

“The first time I competed in the nationals, which was also in Las Vegas last year, I was very nervous,” she said. “I got knocked out in the first round. After that, I practiced as much as I could. This year, all the practice paid off, I finished 15th.”

When Richardson plays darts, she plays either 301 or cricket. For the first game, each

player starts out with 301 points and depending on what number their dart lands on, they subtract that from 301. The first person to get to zero wins the game.

“This is the game that determines people’s rankings,” she said.

In cricket, a pair of two-person teams compete against one another in 30 rounds trying for triples on each number.

This year approximately 600 dart enthusiasts (165 teams) from all around the country went out to Las Vegas to compete. For Richardson and her teammates, the location was definitely part of the thrill as well as the challenge of going head to head with other serious dart champions.

“For a big competition in a place like Las Vegas we would have to focus on the serious aspects of the game before going out to have fun,” Richardson said.

The winner of the tournament was presented a \$640 prize, while the top 16 players each took home \$40 – the cost of the entry fee.

“We look forward to next year’s competition in Orlando, Fla.,” Richardson said. Even though her recent trip was fun and exciting, Orlando is not such a far trek from home.

Anyone interested in playing darts can find Richardson and her teammates every Friday night for their weekly tournaments at the Hat Trix in Phoebus.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Soccer Tots

Brock McDowall, 4, left, and Madison Rogers, 4, attempt to knock down a plastic cone during the Fort Monroe Youth Sports Soccer Camp, Aug. 9, on the field adjacent to Patch Road.

Monroe MWR adds charter service

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Authorized patrons of Old Point Comfort Marina on Fort Monroe can now sign up for charter fishing boat services, thanks to an agreement that was signed last week.

Marina manager Theresa Grogan said she thought making chartered, deep-sea fishing trips accessible from post would be a good alternative recreational outlet for Soldiers and other marina patrons.

“This is something I’ve always wanted to do, but MWR couldn’t afford to purchase the type of fishing boat we’d need. Now we are able to provide the service through a concessionaire at no added expense to MWR,” she said.

Boats are available for daytime outings – on weekends and holidays – or night-

time excursions – seven days a week. Five hour and all-day trips – lasting from eight to 15 hours – leave the marina with up to five passengers, bound for fishing on the Chesapeake Bay, near or off shore.

Dates can be scheduled with boat captain Bob Simelaro of Black Magic Sport Fishing.

Pamphlets with duration, location and the cost of each journey are available at the marina, along with other information on custom fishing charters.

According to Simelaro, all one needs to do is bring food and drink for the day, sun-protective gear and a camera. Rods, reels, tackle, bait and ice are provided. Also, fish are cleaned and bagged for passengers.

Reservations are made by calling 617-8422 or 357-0965.

Sports Roundup

Fort Monroe Golf Classic

The 9th Annual Fort Monroe Fall Golf Classic will be held at the Pines Golf Course, Fort Eustis on Oct. 20. Check in begins at 8 a.m. and play starts at 9 a.m.

There is a limit of 32, four-person teams. The entry fee is \$45 per person and \$30 for Pines members.

The registration deadline is Oct. 16. Call the Fort Monroe sports office at 788-2783 for more information.

Langley Golf Tourney

Join the Langley Officers’ Spouses’ Club for a Sept. 22 golf tournament at the Eagle Woods Golf Course on the air base

The shotgun start is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Individuals and teams are welcome. The \$45 entry fee includes greens fees, cart, scorecard, lunch (hotdogs and sodas), a bucket of range balls and a “burger burn” after the event.

Call Joan Rickert at 868-0636 for more information.

Estuary Day 5K

The Estuary Day 5K fun run/walk will be held at the York River State Park on Aug. 26. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The 5K begins at 8:30. Contact David Lamson at 220-8351 or Motiv8tr1@aol.com for more information.

Aqua aerobics classes come to CAC indoor pool

The Fort Monroe Aquatics Program will soon offer three new water workouts each week at the indoor pool in the Community Activities Center. The classes begin Sept. 6.

Deep- and shallow-water aerobics classes that currently meet throughout the week will continue as scheduled, according to aquatics manager, Mike Carlomany.

He said, with the arrival of an additional instructor, they will be able to offer more time slots for the classes. The ability to swim is not needed to participate in any of the aqua classes.

The following water classes will become available next month.

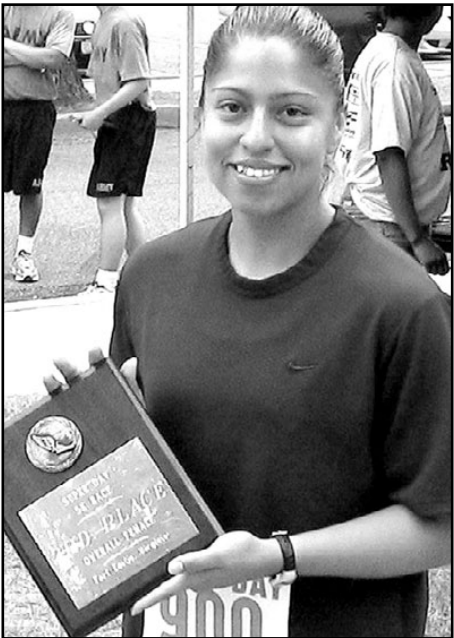
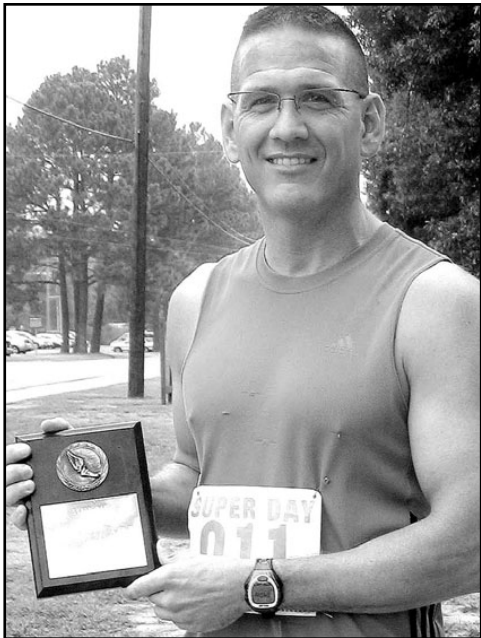
- Aqua Fitness – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 8:45 a.m.
- Aquacise – Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m., and from 5:15 to 6 p.m.
- Deep Water Cardio – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m., and Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
- Arthritis H2O – Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call 788-3301.



Photos by Patricia Radcliffe

Herta Jones uses floats to create resistance during a deep-water aerobics class at the Community Activities Center Indoor Pool recently.



Super Day, Super Runners

Fort Monroe's William Tennant and Christina Howard competed in the Fort Eustis Super Day 5K on Aug. 11. Tennant finished 1st place in the male, 40 to 44 age group with a time of 20:43. Howard finished 3rd place among females overall with a time of 23:02.

Intramural Golf Standings			
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MWR	5-3	ARCIC	0-5
Rimrattlers	4-5		
*These are the standings as of Aug. 15. They were provided by the Fort Monroe sports office.			

Monroe meetings promote weight loss

The Fort Monroe Take Off Pounds Sensibly group meets every Wednesday at 11:45 in Building 82, Room 262. For more information about the organization's program or membership, call 1-800-932-8677 or visit www.tops.org.

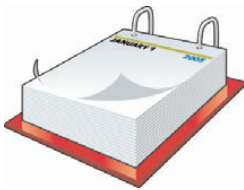
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UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

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Swim Under the Stars Aug. 19 | Women's Equality Event Aug. 25
For more on these and other upcoming events, see listings below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



Aug. 18

Summerfest

Enjoy live music, great food and fun beach activities during Fort Monroe's Summerfest by the Bay celebration every Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. on the boardwalk behind the Bay Breeze Community Center.

This week's musical guest is Blues Xchange. The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, call the MWR special events hotline at 788-2850.

Theatre of Illusion

Two of Virginia's most accomplished illusionists, Kevin and Cindy Spencer, will be the featured performers at The American Theatre, Hampton, today and tomorrow at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

"The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion" is described as "one of the most successful and innovative touring shows in the nation." Combining original theatrical elements with cutting edge illusions and audience interaction, the Spencers have propelled the age-old art of magic into the 21st century.

All tickets are \$20. Children under 12 are admitted for half price. For more information, call 727-1490.

'Oliver'

The Peninsula Community Theatre, Newport News, continues its latest production, "Oliver," this evening at 8 p.m.

Adapted from the Charles Dickens' classic by the same name, the musical follows the story of Oliver, an orphan who is recruited into the gang of boy thieves. Full of memorable melodies and splendid lyrics, Oliver is a timeless tale fit for the whole family.

Performances are scheduled each weekend through Aug. 26. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information or reservations, call 595-5728.

County Fair

If you're hankerin' for a taste of that old-time county fair atmosphere, you might want to head north of the Coleman Bridge along Route 17 this weekend.

The Gloucester County Fair continues today through Sunday at Ark Park. Along with the usual carnival rides for young and old, daily events include a petting zoo, BINGO and door prizes. A concert featuring local country singer Lynda Smith is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., today. Tomorrow's entertainment lineup includes the blue-

grass/gospel band Made From Scratch, starting at 6 p.m., and R.B. and the Rockers —country/classic rock — starting at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. There is an additional charge for rides. For more information, call 693-2729.

Aug. 19

Music Festival

Offering an exciting lineup of Reggae, R&B and jazz bands, the King-Lincoln Music Festival is set for Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., at King Lincoln Park, Newport News. The event will also feature free kids activities and rides. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call 926-1400.

Fossil Safari

The Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, is conducting two half-day fossil hunting trips for youths on Saturday. The morning trip begins at 7 a.m., and the afternoon trip begins at 1:30 p.m.

The fee is \$28 for non-members and \$16 for members. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 595-9135.

Fountain Films

The City Center at Oyster Point, Newport News, continues its "Family Films at the Fountain" series Saturday, starting at 4 p.m.

The fun begins with live entertainment at Market Stage. At 8:30 p.m., it's "lights, camera, action" with some of Hollywood's best family films. Saturday's show is "The Sound of Music." The Aug. 26 feature is "Finding Nemo."

Popcorn and other "movie-friendly" food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com.

Aug. 20

Buckroe Concerts

Free outdoor concerts are scheduled every Sunday through the end of August at nearby Buckroe Beach, Hampton. The performances are open to the public. There is a \$2 charge for parking. Showtime is 6 p.m.

Featured this Sunday is Horizon. The Aug. 27 concert will feature Gator Allmond and the Spice of Life Band. The weekly events offer an exciting mix of musical genres, from beach and pop to Motown and swing.

For more information, visit www.hampton.gov/parks.

'Under the Stars'

The Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission continues its "Under the Stars" concert series Sunday at the City Park's Bagley Stage on Greenbrier Parkway. Admission is free and the shows are open to everyone.

Featured performers this week are the Ron Hallman Jazz Group and the Jae Sinett Jazz Trio. The concert finale on Sept. 3 will feature music director JoAnn Falletta conducting the 12th annual "Symphony Under the Stars." The final show includes a guest appearance by the Virginia Symphony Chorus and fireworks at the end of the concert.

For more information, call 382-6411.

Aug. 21

'Curb Appeal' Class

What home improvements will make you the envy of the neighborhood and earn you top dollar when it comes time to sell?

Learn the answers to those questions and more during the ongoing Caught with Curb Appeal Workshop Series offered by the Hampton Neighborhood Office (part of the Hampton Clean City Commission). The next session is titled "Designing for Distinction." It is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday at the Hampton History Museum.

The workshops are free and open to everyone. For more information or to register, call 727-6460.

Aug. 22

Beach Movies

The Pomoco Family Movie Series at Buckroe Beach, Hampton, continues Tuesday with an evening showing of "Racing Stripes."

The event is free and open to the public. There will be a \$2 charge for parking. Food is available for purchase. Pre-movie games and entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. The movie starts at sunset.

The Aug. 29 show is "Dreamer." For additional information, call 727-8311 or visit www.hampton.gov/parks.

Aug. 24

Chillin' and Grillin'

Start your weekend celebration early with the Fort Monroe Bowl's Chillin' and Grillin' deck party each Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Enjoy burgers, hot dogs and shrimp skewers for \$3 each. The festive atmosphere will be accented by music on the deck and a \$1-per-game bowling special on the facility's state-of-the-art lanes. There

will also be an assortment of weekly prize drawings.

Admission is free for this family-fun event, and it's open to the public. For more information, call 788-2939.

Arts Café

The band Groove Nation will be the featured entertainment Thursday at the Arts Café in the Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News. The performance begins at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free; however, a donation to the arts center is requested. For more information, call 596-8175.

Aug. 25

Country Concert

Accomplished country music star Lee Ann Womack will be the featured performer during an Aug. 25 concert at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk. Free and open to the public, the concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m.

In 2005, Womack was proclaimed the "Queen of CMA Awards" with nods for single of the year, album of the year and best musical event ("Good News, Bad News" with George Strait). Since 1997, she has also earned multiple nominations for artist of the year and enjoyed gold, platinum and triple platinum album sales.

Guests are reminded to bring a government- or state-issued picture ID for access to the installation. For more information, visit www.usohr.org.

AT THE MOVIES

Showing at the Fort Eustis and Langley Theaters

Friday, Aug. 18

7 p.m. — You, Me and Dupree (PG13/Eustis)

7 p.m. — Little Man (PG13/Langley)

Saturday, Aug. 19

2 p.m. — Little Man (PG13/Eustis)

2 p.m. — You, Me and Dupree (PG13/Langley)

7 p.m. — Little Man (PG13/Both Theaters)

Friday, Aug. 25

7 p.m. — My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG13/Eustis)

7 p.m. — Clerks II (R/Langley)

Saturday, Aug. 26

2 p.m. — Monster House (PG/Both Theaters)

7 p.m. — Clerks II (R/Eustis)

7 p.m. My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG13/Langley)

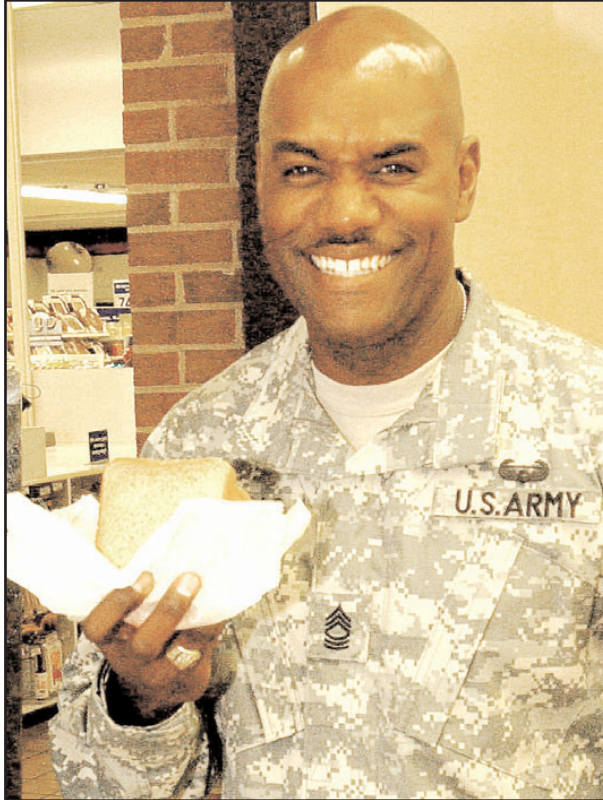
Adults \$3, children 6-12 years old \$1.75 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.75. For more information, call 766-1237.

'Ya Gotta Eat'

The famous commercial jingle says it all, and Fort Monroe offers six dining options that are simply delicious



Thumpers On The Bay – Damian Powell displays one of the breakfast meals offered at Thumpers restaurant atop Old Point Comfort Marina. Owner Eddy Finn describes the Thumpers' menu as "all-American fare" combined with Asian lunch specials like bulgogi or sushi. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



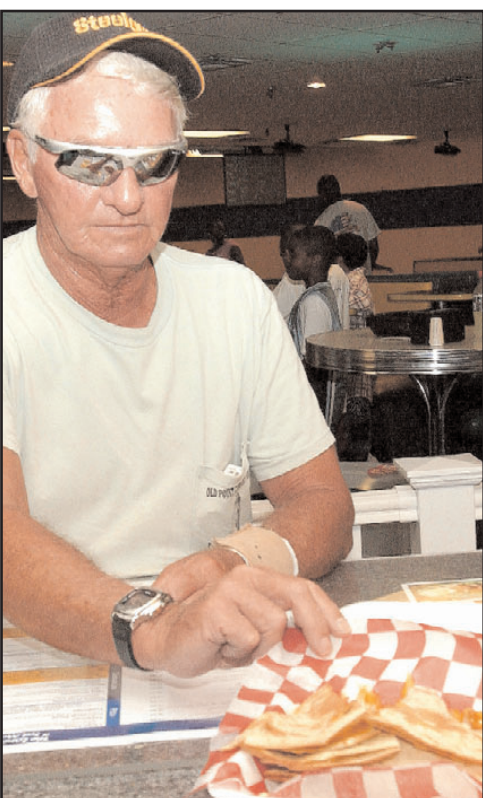
Lil' Deli – Master Sgt. Frank Thomas picks up a tuna sandwich and chips at the Lil' Deli located just inside the entrance of the Post Exchange. The snack shop's sandwich fixin's include turkey, ham, roast beef and chicken salad. Hot dogs, Polish sausages, and salads are also on the menu. The deli is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Building 5 Snack Bar – Carolyn Gillroy grabs a salad and other goodies at the Building 5 Snack Bar, located in the center breezeway that leads to the North Gate moat exit. The snack bar offers made-to-order breakfasts and lunches, and a Thursday morning special — made-from-scratch home fries. The snack bar is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



(Photo above) **Fitside Perk** – Sara Hunter, left, and Joan Beem take time out for hot cocoa and coffee at Fitside Perk. Located in the fitness center lobby, the small MWR-sponsored service specializes in Starbucks coffee and a variety of refreshing fruit smoothies. Its hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. (Photo left) **Laneside Grill** – Dick Cassat picks up an order of quesadillas at the Fort Monroe Bowl's Laneside Grill. From chef salad, hamburgers and hot dogs to healthy choice and pro-bowlers specialty sandwiches, the Laneside Grill can satisfy just about any meal craving. The hours of operation are daily, from 9 a.m. to closing.



Photos by Patricia Radcliffe

Quick Trips

Sunday Champagne Brunch is 'something wonderful'

Dear Casemate readers:

Have you ever experienced the Bay Breeze Community Center's Sunday Champagne Brunch? If not, you're missing something wonderful.

My husband Roy Jr., our two sons Roy III and Steven and I are regular participants in the Sunday morning event.

A few weekend's ago, we had some Brown family members visiting – my father-in-law, Roy Sr. (that's right, three Roys!), his wife Marianne, and our two nephews Kyle and Kevin. After church, we all went to the brunch.

We have always been impressed by the menu, which ranges from regular lunch fare to breakfast foods and dessert. In the past, we have enjoyed roasted chicken, lasagna, fried or stuffed fish, roast beef, ham, and much more.

There is also a waffle station and an omelet station, breakfast foods, a salad table, a dessert table, and juices, coffee and champagne.

The cost is only \$10.95 per adult, \$5.95 for children ages 5 to

12 and free for kids under four. Compared to other brunches, those are great prices.

Our most recent visit with the family happened to be one of those times that the brunch featured Roberto, Hampton Roads' famous crooner. Lot's of people come to dance to his music. I even got up and danced the Cha Cha with my son Roy. The Fort Monroe MWR Web site – www.monroemwr.com – tells when Roberto will be there, and the performances are fairly regular.

The brunch is served every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bay Breeze staff encourages guests to make reservations in advance by calling 788-2406. Somehow, we always forget to do that, but Rose always finds us a table even when eight of us show up. She even found us a spot for the popular Mother's Day brunch.

Those are the many reasons we like to go to the Bay Breeze Club Sunday Champagne Brunch. If you haven't tried it lately, go! We will definitely see you there!

Sincerely,
Sharon Brown

Regatta rules promote convenience, safety

Fort Monroe will welcome thousands of speed-boat racing fans and participants this weekend as the City of Hampton conducts its 80th Annual Hampton Cup Regatta — the largest and oldest continuous inboard hydroplane race in the country. Races are scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. today through Sunday.

As always, awareness will be key to preventing accidents or harmful incidents during this action-packed event. To that end, the Fort Monroe Provost Marshal Office offers the following information concerning road closures, gate access procedures and movement on the installation during the event.

Installation access

- Mercury Bridge will remain closed until 1:30 p.m. Monday.
- Ingalls Gate will remain open each race day for vehicles with DoD stickers only. It is strongly recommended that residents and post workers use this entrance to access post.
- McNair Gate will be open for all event traffic, to include spectators.
- Stilwell Gate will be open to pedestrian traffic only today through Sunday from 11 a.m. until the close of the race day. All pedestrians must have a picture ID to enter post.
- Bicycles will be allowed entrance through Stilwell Gate, but helmets are required for all individuals on bikes, skateboards, etc.

Event traffic

- Participants of the regatta (drivers, mechanics and event staff) are allowed to use ATVs and golf carts to and from the pit area and along Mercury Bridge. Passengers are limited to the number of seats in the vehicle.
- Individuals pulling boats must proceed through McNair Gate. Traffic will be routed along Fenwick Road to designated parking areas at Walker Airfield.
- One or two shuttle buses (depending on the crowd) will run from Walker Airfield to Building 87 (main gate) with a stop at the pit area, adjacent to the Post Exchange on race days. Shuttle hours are 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. All coolers will be searched prior to boarding the shuttle bus; however, no coolers will be allowed on Mercury Bridge.
- Stilwell Road will be closed from Eustis Lane to Pullman Drive until 1:30 p.m. Monday.
- Northgate Road will be closed from just past the Building 59 parking lot to Stilwell Road until 1:30 p.m., Monday.
- East Gate (along Fenwick Road) will be closed today through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Security reminders

- All vehicle passengers over the age of 18 must have a valid picture ID to enter post.
- No weapons are allowed on post.

- Photographs are limited to event activities. Pictures of the front gate or access procedures are not permitted at any time.
- To assist the installation with its force protection measures, event participants and visitors must use designated parking areas.

Non-DoD visitors to residents' quarters

If you live on Fort Monroe and plan to have non-DoD visitors at your quarters this weekend, you are encouraged to have them arrive prior to 11 a.m.

Non-DoD visitors arriving after 11 a.m. will not be permitted to turn off designated routes (McNair and Fenwick Roads) unless escorted by a DoD or military ID card holder.

If visitors arrive after 11 a.m., tell them to enter via McNair Road and meet them in a pre-designated location along Fenwick Road to escort them to your quarters.

Event Highlights

Along with the excitement of piston-powered racing boats hitting speeds up to 170 mph, this weekend's festivities include a children's area, food and beverage vendors, vintage cars and hot rods, and racing-enthusiast clothing and collectibles. Autograph sessions with race participants are also scheduled throughout the competition. For more information, visit www.hamptoncupregatta.org or call 727-8311.

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Military Idol Auditions

Auditions for the Army's 2006 Military Idol talent competition will be conducted at 6 p.m., Aug. 24, at the Fort Eustis Club.

Those interested must pick up an audition registration form at the bowling center, CAC, fitness center, or Building 82, Room 368. The actual competition begins in September. For more information, visit www.monroemwr.com/idol.

Post Chapel Programs

Several Fort Monroe Chapel Center programs will return in September. They are as follows:

- Sunday School and Children's Church will resume on Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively. All congregation members are invited to a picnic following the 11 a.m. service.
 - Midweek family night supper and Bible classes will resume on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m., at the Chapel Center.
 - Weekly Protestant Women of the Chapel meetings will commence on Sept. 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Chapel Center. The PWOC's theme for the fall is, "Unity to Let the World Know." Call Rosalyn Sklute at 598-0129 for more information.
 - Choir Rehearsals will resume on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Center.
- For more information, call the Post Chaplain's Office at 788-2611.

Ministry Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for several chapel programs here. The positions are as follows.

- Sunday school teachers – 1st through 5th grades
 - Youth group leaders – Wednesday nights
 - Elementary teachers – Wednesday nights
 - Kids church ministry leaders – three to six year olds
 - Pre-k teachers
- Contact Sandra Rogers at 788-2611 or sandra.rogers2@us.army.mil for more information.

Craft Classes

The Fortress Frame and Craft Shop has scheduled the following classes for September:

- Recipe Holder Basket, Sept. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. Participants will use two different types of reed to weave the sides of the basket, which will be attached to a wooden base. The basket will be accented with a fabric bow. The project is appropriate for beginning or advanced weavers. Pre-registration is required. Those interested should stop by the frame and craft shop to see an example and sign up for the class. The cost is \$34.
 - Stained Glass Classes begin Sept. 12. The sessions are conducted each Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. for six weeks. The cost is \$40 for beginners and \$50 for intermediate crafters. That fee doesn't include supplies. Beginners will complete two projects in class — instructor's choice — and learn glass recognition, cutting, foiling, pattern preparation, soldering and much more. Intermediate crafters are asked to bring a project to class that the feel is beyond their reach. Pre-registration is required.
- Call 788-2728 for more information about either class.

Communications Courses

Lavach and Associates will offer the following classes at Fort Monroe in September:

- Sept. 5** — Powerful Proofreading Skills, \$75
- Sept. 7** — Common Mistakes In English Usage, \$75
- Sept. 13-14** — Effective Writing, \$140
- Sept. 19-21** — Effective Oral Presentations, \$195

All classes will be held in Building 82, Room 262, and will begin at 8 a.m. To register, fax a DoD SF 1556 to Lavach and Associates at 229-2903. For further information, call 229-8757.

Military Historian Chapter

The board of governors of the Company of Military Historians recently announced the forma-

tion of a "Greater Tidewater Chapter" to be based out of the Virginia War Museum in Newport News.

The non-profit group hopes to draw members from the Southside, Peninsula, Northern Neck and Richmond areas. Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who has a serious interest in military history and its material culture.

Founded in 1949, the Company of Military Historians is composed of hobbyists, scholars, researchers, museum professionals, historical interpreters and collectors of militaria.

For more information, visit www.military-historians.org or contact chapter chairman Larry Munnikhuysen at 564-1753.

Litter Committee Volunteers

The Hampton Clean City Commission's Litter Awareness Committee is looking for volunteer leaders to help battle litter in Hampton.

The committee meets monthly to formulate plans for litter cleanups, educational efforts and litter-free events. Among the projects and programs the committee oversees are Adopt-A-Spot, Adopt Hampton Days, and the Great American Cigarette Butt Count.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 at the Steak and Ale Restaurant, 2031 Coliseum Drive, at 11:30 a.m. Members and guests purchase their own lunch.

For more information, call 727-6394 or visit www.hampton.gov/hccc.

GMAT Computer Course

The Executive Development Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, is now accepting enrollments for a course titled Preparation for the Computer Adaptive GMAT.

Classes will be held on the ODU main campus on Mondays from Sept. 11 through Dec. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 683-4603 for additional information, or visit www.execed-odu.com.

New Web site explains military rights

BY JIM GARAMONE
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WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice has launched a Web site to protect servicemembers’ rights, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales said Monday.

Gonzales, speaking to the Disabled American Veterans annual convention in Chicago, said the Justice Department has made it a priority to enforce civil rights laws for American servicemembers.

“The law recognizes that although we can never thank you enough for your service, we can take away some of the worries that Soldiers might face when they are deployed,” he said in prepared remarks.

The government promises that servicemembers’ jobs will still be theirs when they come home and that they cannot be discriminated against by their employers because of their military service. The U.S. vows that servicemembers will be able to vote and that their vote will be counted. And it promises that servicemembers “will have procedural protections in civil actions, like lawsuits or property repossessions, when serving overseas.”

The Justice Department Web site, www.servicemembers.gov, outlines the rights servicemembers have under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

“These basic civil rights are enforced by the Department of Justice, and I can assure you that the department’s staff and prosecutors are deeply committed to these enforcement efforts,”

Gonzales said. “We feel that it is an honor to serve those in uniform in this way. It is our way of saying thank you for your service.”

The attorney general said these are not just “pie in the sky” rights, but issues that directly affect people.

In one case, Justice Department officials filed its first complaint alleging that American Airlines violated rights of employees who also serve as military pilots.

The case was brought on behalf of three military pilots employed by American Airlines. It states that the airline reduced the employment benefits of pilots who had taken military leave, while not reducing the same benefits for pilots who had taken similar, non-military leave, Gonzales said.

“In another vivid example of the people for whom we enforce these laws, the department recently won a consent decree from an employer who terminated employment of a serviceman named Richard White the very same day that Richard told his boss he was being called to active duty,” the attorney general said. “The consent decree requires the employer to pay back wages to Mr. White.

“What leads an employer to treat a Soldier like an inconvenience is something for a higher power to judge. But here on earth, we have USERRA, and we’ll use it for Richard White and for Soldiers like him, as often as is necessary.”

Voting is another servicemember right the Justice Department guards. “Earlier this year, ... (the department) addressed long-standing structural issues affecting uniformed military personnel posted both in this country and over-

seas who wished to vote in North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama,” Gonzales said.

These states had run-off elections too close to the primary elections to allow these voters to receive and return ballots. With cooperation from state election officials, the department was able to redress each of these violations. “As the 2006 general election approaches, we will continue vigilant protection of the voting rights of servicemembers, their families and other overseas citizens,” he said.

Gonzales also addressed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

“Thanks to this law, men and women currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have procedural protections in place that will allow them to be less distracted by litigation back home – by someone trying to repossess a leased car, evict their spouse and children, sell their house at an auction or run up penalties on credit cards with 21 percent interest rates,” he said.

“It’s hard to respond to a civil lawsuit while you’re focused on improvised explosive devices, and the law protects servicemembers for that reason.”

Enforcement of this law is a readiness and morale issue, he said. “Men and women in uniform, like all Americans, have to honor their obligations,” he said. “However, Congress long ago decided, wisely I think, to provide protections to them against lawsuits while deployed overseas on active duty.”

Gonzales urged any servicemember with questions to go to the Justice Department Web site. Military lawyers can help servicemembers and their families navigate through the laws.

Army tests remote warfare, Soldier performance

BY ASHLEY JOHN
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WARREN, Mich. – In a six-week experiment at Fort Knox, Ky., the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command measured how science and technology implemented in the Future Combat Systems’ unmanned vehicles enhance Soldiers’ capabilities and performance.

“This gave us (Army) an opportunity to see how computer-automated tools can assist with tasks that are conventionally performed by Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. John Janiszewski, chief of experimentation and analysis directorate for the Army’s Unit of Action Maneuver Battle Lab. “It’s important that our Soldiers become capable of using unmanned vehicles efficiently because their use means fewer Soldiers being exposed to dangers of the battlefield.”

The experiment centered on two key metrics: autonomous mobility and Crew Aiding Behaviors (CABS) software, which automates such common tasks as route planning and the selection of observation and fire positions in crew stations developed by RDECOM’s Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Army Research Laboratory.

The experiments showed that

the use of automated software significantly reduced threat-engagement time and improved the way Soldiers controls the robot.

“We are intentionally overloading Soldiers,” Janiszewski said. “We want to see how many tasks they can handle without interfering with their performance in combat situations.”

The TARDEC-ARL touch-screen crew station allows Soldiers to create robot behaviors that maximize efficiency in choosing enemy targets. Forward robots detect enemy positions and present targets to Soldiers via situational awareness maps.

The crew station takes in the information, prioritizes it and recommends a weapon to engage the target. The entire task is completed while Soldiers simultaneously control the follow-vehicle and search the screens for “red-force” enemies.

When multiple targets are spotted, the crew station’s automated technology prioritizes the enemies and tells Soldiers which weapon would most effectively defeat the threat. After the threat is destroyed, the next priority threat moves to the top of the screen for disengagement.

“Remote warfare technologies could reach Soldiers’ hands as early as 2008,” Janiszewski noted.

Yard of the Month

August

The Office of the Post Command Sergeant Major recently announced the winners for the August Yard of the Month competition. They are:

- Ingalls I – Col. Carlos and Susan Glover
- Reeder Circle – Sgt. Maj. Charles and Kathy Daniels
- Junior Enlisted – Sgt. Conrad and Sarah Ramirez
- Ingalls II – Chief Warrant Officer Coral and Derrick Jones
- Moat Officer – Lt. Col. Jeffrey and Kim Pasquino
- Moat Walk – Sgt. Timothy and Cheri Kerr
- Monroe Apartments – Technical Sgt. Sandra Cavallo

The Yard of the Month competition continues through September. Residents are reminded that arrangements can be made through Self Help to obtain mulch for flower beds. They also have the tools needed to make yard projects successful. For more information, call 788-4228.

August Civilian of the Month



Name: Emma Caria Bellinger
Job/Place of Duty: Housing Management Specialist, Department of Public Works
Years in Service: 10
Time in current assignment: 11 months
Family: Married 18 years to husband Lewis. She has two daughters, Anna Sarah, 13, and Angelica, 6, and one son, Nicholas, 17.
Outside activities: As a member of the St. Therese Catholic Church in Chesapeake, she is actively involved in the Stewardship Council and the Consolation Ministry.
Greatest accomplishments: Earning an Associate Degree in Business, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and winning a \$1,000 scholarship based on academic achievement.
Goals: Keep learning better ways to do my job and give my very best regardless of the magnitude of the task.